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**MS PATENT APPLICATION**  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

As authorized by the inventor(s), transmitted herewith for filing is a patent application applied for on behalf of the inventor(s) according to the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.41(c), which claims priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) of Provisional Application No. 60/397,196 filed on July 22, 2002.

Inventor(s): BROELEMANN, Rolf

For: BACKLIT SIGN

Enclosed are:

- ☒ A specification consisting of ten (10) pages
- ☒ One (1) sheet(s) of formal drawings
- ☒ Certified copy of Priority Document(s)
- ☒ Executed Declaration in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.64 will follow
- ☐ Applicant claims small entity status under 37 C.F.R. § 1.27.
- ☐ Preliminary Amendment



- ☐ Information Sheet
- ☒ Information Disclosure Statement, PTO-1449 and reference(s)
- ☐ Applicant requests early publication - \$300.00 publication fee
- ☐ Non-publication Request and Certification under 35 U.S.C. § 122(b)(2)(B)(i)
- ☒ Amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence:

--This application claims priority on provisional Application No. 60/397,196 filed on July 22, 2002, and EPO Application No. 02015992.7 filed July 18, 2002, the entire contents of each of which are hereby incorporated by reference.--

- ☐ Other:
- ☒ Provisional application filed in English:  
☐ YES ☒ NO

If "NO," an English translation with a Statement of Accuracy:  
☐ is attached hereto ☒ will follow.

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- ☒ The application transmitted herewith is filed in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.41(c). The undersigned has been authorized by the inventor(s) to file the present application. The original duly executed declaration together with the surcharge will be forwarded in due course.

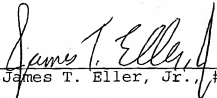
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- ☒ A check in the amount of \$1,030.00 to cover the filing fee is enclosed.
- ☐ Please charge Deposit Account No. 02-2448 in the amount of \$0.00. A triplicate copy of this transmittal form is enclosed.
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Respectfully submitted,

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